## **ABSTRACT**

In a switching device (S) for electrical installations with a housing (2) having terminals (1), it is proposed for increasing the safety margin against spark-over between electrically conducting outside sections of two adjacent, identically constructed switching elements to provide at least one shielding element (3) that is formed as one-piece on the housing in a region of the terminals (1), or at least one recess (8), indentation (8) and the like, for lengthening the leakage current path on at least one housing part and/or on at least one section formed on the housing (2). In addition, in a switching device (S) for an electrical installations having a housing (2), with at least one terminal (1), means are provided for completely unscrewing the clamping screw (15) from the clamping opening (17) for easy insertion of ring cable lugs.

(FIG. 1)